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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

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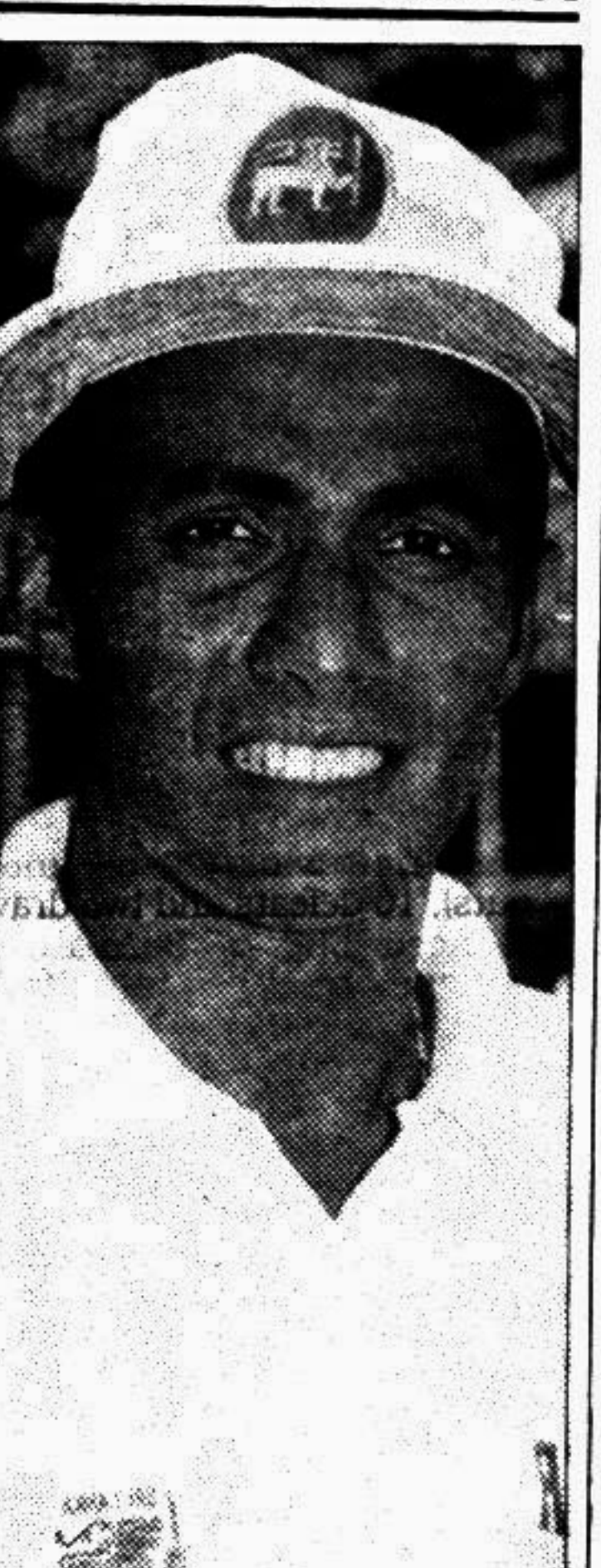
Competition closes at 8 pm, Oct 17, '97

- 1 Who clinched the U-17 soccer World Cup?
Argentina Brazil Nigeria
- 2 Who was the man-of-the-tournament in the recent Sahara Cup?
Azhar Afridi Saurav
- 3 Who lifted the Grand Slam Cup?
Rafter Sampras Korda
- 4 Who are the Mahanagari Cup soccer champions?
Muktijoddha Abahani Mohammedan
- 5 Which company will sponsor the 99 cricket World Cup?
Pepsi Wills Coca Cola

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SPORTS TALK



Hashan Tillekeratne (Sri Lankan cricketer) "Wasim Akram. He is so delectable." About the bowler he admires most.

AB Bank TT from Oct 12

Sports Reporter

The AB Bank Metropolitan table tennis league, Premier and First Divisions, will begin at the wooden floor gymnasium from October 12.

A total of ten teams will participate in the Premier League while teams wanting to play in the First Division may still register their names by tonight at the Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation office.

Another Pakistani for Surjo Tarun

Sabur Rahman, a left-arm Pakistani spinner, will arrive in the city within a few days to play for Surjo Tarun Club, said a club official yesterday, reports UNB.

The Lahore-born cricketer will be the clubs second foreign recruit after roping in compatriot Shahed from Kalabagan Krira Chakra.

Juvenile kabadi final Friday

Ansars & VDP High School and Shaheed Nabi High School reached the final of the juvenile kabadi tournament at the court next to Dhaka Stadium, reports UNB.

The final is on Friday at 4:30 pm the same venue.

In the semifinals Ansar and VDP recorded a 84-54 point victory over Sharmin Textile Mills High School. The winners led the first half 41-26. Shaheed Nabi High School defeated Maniknagar Model High School 83-67.

The third-place deciding match between the two losing semifinalists will be held today at 4 pm.



NEVER SAY OVER: A host of tokais (street urchins) having an absorbing practice session at the Rajuk ground, which has been declared a venue for meetings of political parties recently. Although the so-called star booters of the country have brought the popular game to disgrace, the spontaneity and the enthusiasm of the kids raise a glimmer of hope for the future.

Taylor no believer of two-leader theory



MARK TAYLOR

MELBOURNE, Oct 7 (AP): Australian captain Mark Taylor, speaking out Tuesday against separate leaders for Test and one-day cricket, described his job as "sacred" and not one to be "banded about."

Australian selectors have been told to consider choosing two separate entities for matches from this season for the first time, a move seen by many as loosening Taylor's hold on the captaincy.

Taylor's captaincy saved his position in the team over the past year as his form with the bat fell away, but he has never been considered an outstanding one-day player because of a slow scoring rate.

England responded to the increase in one-day matches on the world cricket calendar, and the pressure on Test captain Michael Atherton, by choosing Adam Hoolioke to take over in charge of the one-day team to play the Sharjah tournament in December.

"I can see the day when there are separate captains but I'm far from sure it's an ideal situation," Taylor said at the Australian Cricket Board's season launch Tuesday.

"The Australian captaincy is something which should be held very, very dearly. I certainly do and I'm sure my 38 predecessors thought exactly the same."

"The captaincy is something you want to hold onto very tightly, not something you want to be banded around. It is something very sacred in the game."

Taylor said he was intent on playing for Australia at both forms of cricket this season as the world's most successful contemporary side faces home matches against New Zealand and South Africa before touring India and Pakistan.

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ple have the full meaning of what the Australian captaincy means. It is a very big office.

"I remember, going back to May 18, 1994, when I got the job I knew it was a big appointment and I still believe that. It is not something you want to be banded around and say 'he'll be captain one game and he'll be captain the next.' It has to be held with the esteem it deserves."

Taylor said pressure to stay in the one-day team was something he had been forced to deal with since his early days when he was opening the batting in Tests but left out of the limited overs game.

"I've put 12 years into my life as a first-class cricketer and nine years as an Australian player and I'm still enjoying it. While I'm still enjoying it I'm going to make myself available to play."

Taylor said the decision to pick two teams formalised a trend over the past few years of bringing different players in for limited-overs game.

"Of course I'll say I'm in the best (one-day) team, but it's not for me to say," Taylor added.

He has played in 113 limited overs internationals, but has never been a star performer in the abbreviated instant thrills version of the game.

His stodgy batting in an opening role has produced only one century in 110 innings, a strike rate selectors are likely to consider inadequate as they begin to implement their strategy for the 1999 World Cup one-day competition in England.

Garner to groom local quicks?

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) is likely to strike a long-term deal with former West Indian fast bowler Joel Garner in a bid to produce genuine tear-away for future, said a reliable source.

The cricket board is reported to have already made contact with Garner, one of the few some foursome of the all-conquering West Indian team in '70s and early '80s.

The "Big Bird," who stands 6 feet 8 inches tall, had a fabulous record of 247 Test wickets

(average 21.16) with his fast right-arm deliveries.

The source, preferring anonymity, further added that the BCB had also contacted with Garner's lethal partner Colin Croft. But it is learnt that the board is more interested to rope in Garner, who reportedly has shown keen interest to take the job on a long-term basis. And if everything goes according to plan, Garner will be the second West Indian after Gorton Greenidge, the director of coaching, to help Bangladesh earn Test status within the year 2000.

Indian duo do it hard way

SINGAPORE, Oct 7: India's Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi, gunning for their sixth doubles title of the year advanced in the 675,000 US dollar Heineken Open here Tuesday with a hard-fought first-round win, reports AFP.

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Reneberg and Suk raced to a 5-1 lead in the tie-break but the determined Indians levelled at 6-6, took the lead and closed out the match with a superb cross-court return from Bhupathi.

In singles play, world number two and top seed Michael Chang was playing tonight fellow American and defending champion Jonathan Stark, who upset him in last year's final.

Earlier in the day, British

VIENNA, Oct 7: Second seed Sergi Bruguera crashed out of the 800,000 dollars CA-Trophy on Monday, losing 6-2, 7-6 to 19-year-old French qualifier Arnaud Clement, reports Reuters.

The Spanish world number seven dropped his service twice in the first set and again early in the second.

But Bruguera then stepped up a gear and scored breaks in the fifth and seventh games for a 4-3 lead.

However, Clement, who was playing a top 10 player for the first time, was not to be denied, he broke back and eventually won a tense tiebreak 8-6.

Swedes Jan Apell and Magnus Larsson reached the second round with wins over Dutchman Jan Siemerink and German's Mark Kevin Goellner respectively.

Apell, who is contesting only his second singles ATP tournament this year because of a recurring shoulder injury, had little trouble ousting last year's finalist Siemerink 6-2, 6-4.

Larsson, the 1994 Grand Slam Cup winner, needed all most two hours to beat Goellner 2-6, 7-6, 7-6.

The triangular meet, which also includes Zimbabwe, will be a double-leg league.

Zia defeats Shiplu

Sports Reporter

International Master Ziaur Rahman earned a solo lead in the Open FIDE rating chess tournament defeating fellow leader Syed Ruhul Kabir Shiplu in the sixth round held at the NSC chess room yesterday.

It was the sixth successive victory for the former national champion which kept him atop the standings with maximum points.

On the other hand, it was Shiplu's maiden loss which pulled him down into the crowded second spot.

Shiplu apart, Enamul Hossain Rajib, Ali Amjad Mintu, Rezaul Haque, Abul Kashem Bhuiyan, Monir Hossain, Tanima Parveen, WM Rani Hamid and Aminul Islam were the others with five points each.

Rajib mated Rifu, Mintu beat Mohammad Javed, Kashem overcame Ahmedul, Monir saw off Fahim, Rani won against Reefat-bin-Sattar while Tanima drew her board with Rezaul Haque.

Testing time for Jap judokas

PARIS, Oct 7 (AFP): The sport might roughly translate as the gentle way but judo always generates intense rivalry among the martial art's major protagonists in Asia, and there will be no holds barred this week at the World Championships here.

Japan, can, of course, lay claim to the foundation of the modern version, Dr Jigoro Kano having opened the first judo school in 1882.

But the boroshi, or warriors, from the land of the Rising Sun have seen their golden hopes wane in recent tournaments in the teeth of an onslaught led by traditional rivals South Korea.

And that has led to a certain amount of loss of face, hard to bear for Japanese practitioners of any sport. Gone are the days of Japanese clean sweeps at world championships — last achieved in 1973 at Lausanne — while only three out of a possible 14 gold medals came their way at last year's Atlanta Olympics, the same number

garnered at the 1995 World Championships on home ground in Chiba.

Japanese title hopes at this week's Championships in Paris rest largely on the shoulders of two men, both Olympic champions at their respective weights: Tadahiho Nomura in the 60kg division and Kenzo Nakamura, youngest of three judo-playing brothers in the 71kg.

Nakamura, 23, surprised Japan by winning the Atlanta lightweight title, but he has struggled this season, losing all the Kano Cup, German International, national championships and East Asian Games.

Men's head coach Yasuhiro Yamashita, an open category Olympic gold medalist at Los Angeles, is pessimistic about Japan's chances of winning a heavyweight title for the first time in six long years of top competition.

Shinichi Shinohara, an over-95kg bronze winner in 1995, and Yoshiharu Makishi,

competing in the open, will bid to prove him wrong.

South Korea's best hopes are Olympic gold medalist and world champion Jeon Ki-young in the men's under-86kg class and world champion Cho Min-Sun in the women's under-66kg.

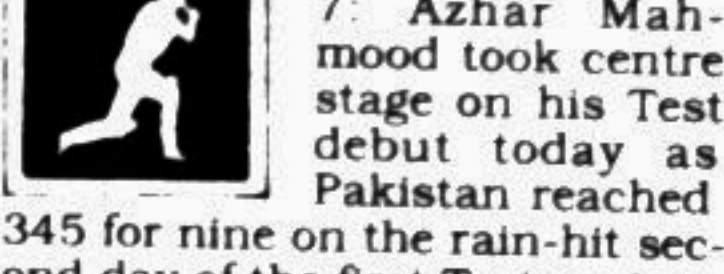
Despite that disarming modesty on the surface, the South Koreans have set themselves a private target of at least two golds.

Chinese hopes include Olympic champion Sun Fuming and Yuan Hua, who beat him in the over-72kg final of last year's Fukuoka tournament as well as two-time world silver medalist Li Aiyue of China, out to stop Tamura.

In the women's event, dual bantamweight world champion Ryoko Tamura will be determined to erase the memory of her surprise defeat to unknown North Korean Kye Sun Hee in the 48kg section at Atlanta, her first defeat since losing in the final at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics.

Day belongs to another debutant

Pak tail vexes tourists



MAHMOOD ... 72 n.o.

RAWALPINDI, Oct 7: Azhar Mahmood took centre stage on his Test debut today as Pakistan reached 345 for nine on the rain-hit second day of the first Test against South Africa, reports AFP.

After opener Ali Naqvi hit 115 on his debut on the first day, Azhar took up the cause and made a determined unbeaten 72 and featured in defiant stands which helped put on 114 for the final two wickets.

Azhar added 40 runs in the unbroken last wicket partnership with Mushtaq Ahmed, who was at the crease on six when play was called off nine overs ahead of the schedule due to bad light.

With Waqar Younis, he put on 74 runs for the ninth wicket, aggressively attacking the South African bowlers.

Waqar made his highest Test score of 45, hitting two sixes and five fours. His previous best was 34 against New Zealand at Christchurch in 1995-96.

Azhar stayed at the crease all day, adding 68 runs, much to the frustration of the South African bowlers. He completed his 50 in 196 minutes off 138 balls, hitting two fours and a six.

Too often, the South African bowled short balls and those were easily fended off by the Pakistan tail enders. Pacemen Allan Donald and Shaun Pollock claimed three wickets each however and off-spinner Pat Symcox took two.

"Anything above 300 is a fighting total and I am sure that my bowlers will keep a tight leash on the South African batsmen to make a match out of it," said Pakistan captain Saeed Anwar.

With the pitch showing signs of wear, the visitors could have a tough task against Pakistan's two quality slow bowlers, leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed and off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq.

The start was delayed by three hours due to early morning rain. It was only after several inspections of the pitch that umpires S Venkataraghavan of India and Javed Akhter of Pakistan decided to resume play.

Pakistan resumed at 216-6. Moïn Khan added four runs before he was out trapped in front of the wicket by Donald for 12.

Pakistan lost its eighth wicket when Saqlain Mushtaq fell without scoring in the same manner, this time to Shaun Pollock.

Pollock dismissed Waqar with an attempted yorker which caught him leg before. Waqar limped off the ground but was reported to be fit.

The Test is the first between the two countries on Pakistani soil.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard at stumps on the

second day of the first Test between Pakistan and South Africa at the Pindi cricket stadium Tuesday.

PAKISTAN: First innings (overnight 216-6)

Anwar c Richardson b Donald	16
Naqvi c Kirsten b Donald	115
Ramzan lbw b Pollock	25
Ijaz b Symcox	11
Inzamam c Richardson b Schultz	8
M Wasim c Kirsten b Symcox	11
Moïn lbw b Donald	12
Mahmood not out	72
Saqlain lbw b Pollock	0
Waqar lbw b Pollock	45
Mushtaq not out	6
Extras: (b-2, lb-7, nb-11)	20
Total: (for 9 wickets)	345

Fall of wickets: 1-45; 2-114; 3-135; 4-152; 5-196; 6-206; 7-230; 8-231; 9-305.

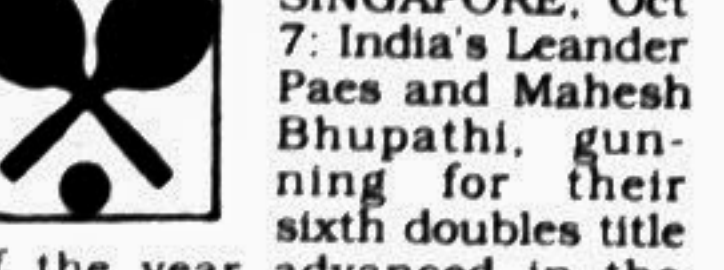
Bowling (to date)

	O	M	R	W
Donald	29.1	3	95	3
Schultz	15	4	58	1
Pollock	31	11	62	3
McMillan	11	4	12	0
Symcox	39	10	81	2
Kallis	7	3	15	0
Cronje	4	0	13	0

WAQAR ... 45



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Earlier in the day, British

qualifier Chris Wilkinson upset Danish number one Kenneth Carlsen, semi-finalist at the China Open in Beijing, and set up a second-round showdown with German rising star Nicolas Keifer.

Wilkinson won 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 in one hour, 36 minutes, subduing the left-handed Dane with powerful serves and brilliant returns after tamely surrendering the first set.

The 27-year-old Briton, ranked world number 143, reeled off seven games in a row on his way to winning the second set and forging a 4-0 lead in the deciding set.

The hapless Carlsen, the world number 81, cut the lead to 5-2 before Wilkinson coolly served out the match.

The Singapore tournament marks the fourth time in 1997 that Wilkinson, currently the British number four, has qualified for a singles main draw.

Australian qualifier Michael Tebbutt whipped Patrick McEnroe 6-3, 6-2 to set up a possible second-round meeting with another American, third-seeded Jim Courier, who plays Thai wild-card Paradorn Srichaphan in the first round.

Vincent Spadea of the United States downed Alex Radulescu of Germany 6-4, 6-4, and now faces Czech Martin Damm.

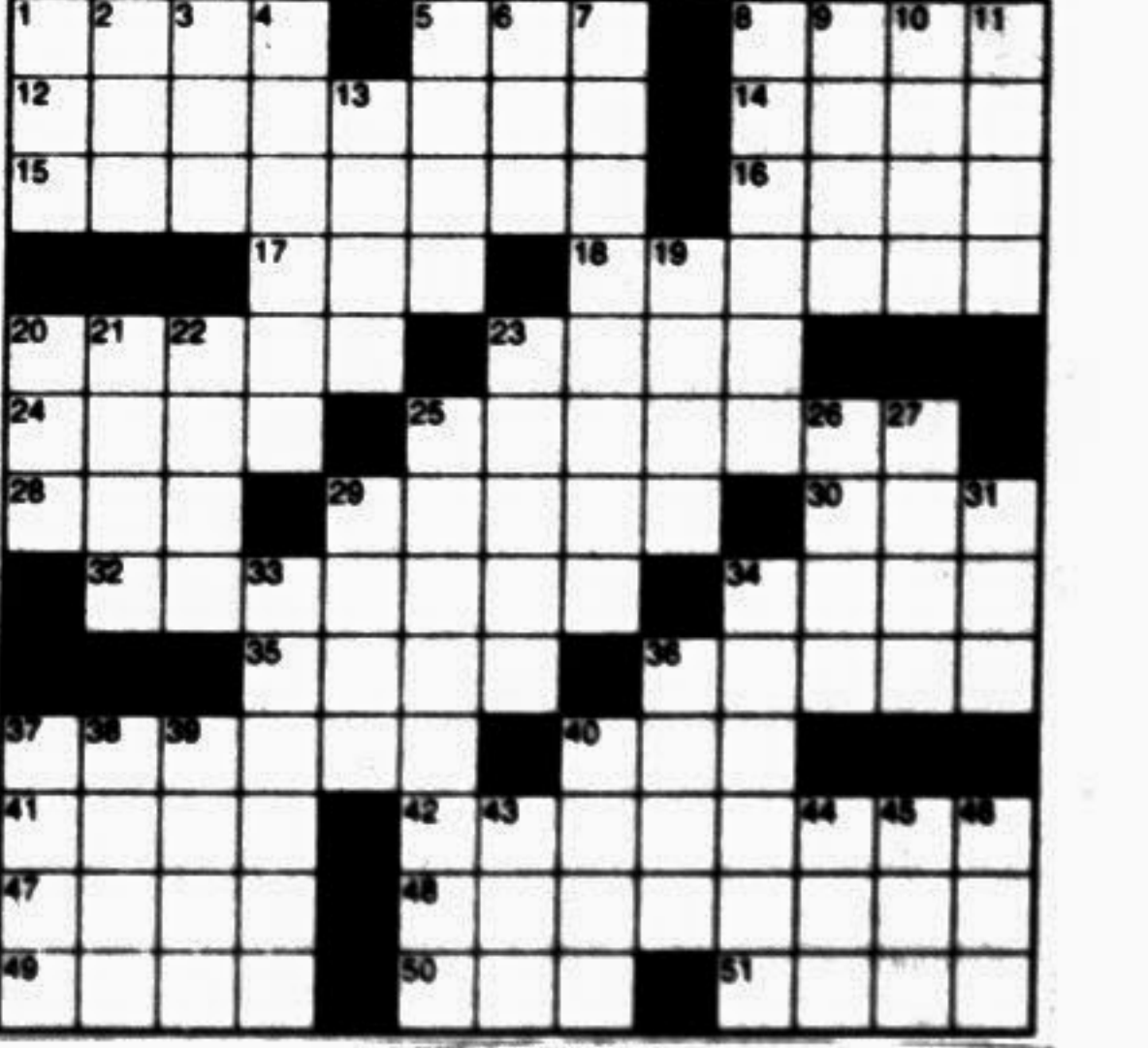
WTa money-earners

ST PETERSBURG, Florida, Oct 7 (Reuters): Leading money winners in women's tennis, according to the WTA Tour:

Player	Dollars
1. Hingis	3,126,036
2. Majoli	1,139,537
3. Davenport	1,133,108
4. Novotna	966,215
5. Seles	862,580
6. Sanchez Vicario (Spain)	718,442
7. Mary Joe Fernandez	695,997
8. Zvereva	687,228
9. Pierce	670,689
10. Coetzee	609,884
11. Spirlea	550,798
12. Gigi Fernandez	444,132
13. Martinez	438,874
14. Williams	426,861
15. Testud	371,858
16. Dragomir	357,747
17. Huber	353,000
18. Bollegraf	347,179
19. Arendt	336,452
20. Raymond	336,110

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 - 24 Likely
 - 25 Crowbars, e.g.
 - 26 Clashes
 - 27 "How Be Sure?"
 - 28 Carry on
 - 29 Congrega-tional cry
 - 30 They do the hole job
 - 31 In need of repair
 - 32 "There-tavem-46"
 - 33 Buddhist sect
 - 34 Inuit abbr.
- Solution time: 25 min.



CRYPTOQUIP

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Saturday's Cryptquip: KID, WEARING HIS NEW CHROME DIGITAL WATCH, "LOOK, MA, NO HANDS!"

Today's Cryptquip clue: E equals B

The Cryptquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.